THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF. EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) The Government stands committed to provision of free and compulsory education of satisfactory quality to all children upto 14 years of age before we enter, the twenty-first century. As far as DPEP is concerned, the objective is to cover 110 districts during the 8th Five Year Plan. It is already under implementation in 42 districts and planning has been taken up in 22 more districts.

(b) So far 31.10 million illiterates have been made literate under National Literacy Mission.

(c) The budgetary allocations on primary education are far in excess of overseas donations from voluntary agencies to Indian Non-Government Organisations.

Functioning of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute

1294. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of employees presently working at Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, New Delhi;

(b) the number of permanent employees, casual and temporary workers;

(c) since when these workers are being employed by the institute;

(d) the reasons for not regularising the services of these workers;

(e) the steps taken to stop unfair labour practises at the institute;

(f) wnether Government propose to take steps to streamline the functioning of the Institute; and

(g) if so what other steps are being taken to improve the image of the Institute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DEPTT. OF EDUCATION AND DEPTT. OF CULTURE) (KUMARI SELJA): (a) to (d) According to the information furnished by the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute, there arc 18 employees working in the Institute for period ranging from 6 months to 27 years.

The details of the number of permanent employees, employees on contract jincl temporary workers arc as below:

(i) Permanent employees: 12 (including four employees on renewable contracts).

(ii) On contrct basis : 4

(iii) Temporary (on Probation) : 2

The employees on a contract basis are those who have been employed for implementation of CIDA-SICI project. The project, if not renewed by Canadian side, would'come to an end in 1996.

(e) Docs not arise.

(f) and (g) The Board of Directors considers the performance of the Institute in the preceding 12 months. The Board of Directors in 1993 had while reviewing the Institute's affairs in India and Canada, appointed a firm of management Consultants to undertake a detailed review of its functioning. Necessary stcpsvhave been initiated for implementation of the recommendations contained in their report.